

Two Glories on Exhibition in Earth's Final Crisis. Part 9

WISDOM IN PROVERBS 8: 22 to 31

INTRODUCTION

Solomon had asked for wisdom and understanding and God had granted his request. With that gift and under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit he was given an amazingly deep message in Proverbs 8, a message not to be fully understood until the time of the first Advent and especially in our day, as we are told in 1 Peter 1: 10 to 12.

Solomon wrote in Hebrew. Many a Hebrew word can be translated into more than one English word therefore it is important not only to check other usages of any given word but also the context and the deeper understanding of its meaning especially when a word is used in reference to God. Human language is not perfect, in fact it is "fallen" like us, and translating from ancient languages into modern languages is not easy. Translators are never 100% objective, how they translate is impacted upon by their theological perspective, and that is understandable; we will soon examine an example of this. We should also be aware that in some languages everything is grammatically assigned a gender (male or female), this is a dimension of linguistic arbitrariness, and should not be a cause of controversy. In Proverbs 8 **wisdom** is *linguistically* female, and although this has no absolute significance some people still stumble over it unnecessarily.

WISDOM IN PROVERBS 8: 22 TO 36.

This amazing passage has intrigued Bible students throughout the long ages since it was written and when they saw in verse 30 someone with Yahweh as a co-worker in creation, the early Christians immediately connected it with John 1:1 and identified **Wisdom** in Proverbs 8 as the *Logos* or *Word, the Son of God*, and especially so, since many other passages in the New Testament described the Son of God as the One through or by Whom the Father created all things (1 Cor.8: 6; Col.1:16; Hebrews 1: 1-3).

Moreover in Proverbs 30: 4 a mysterious question is asked:

*"Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended?
who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath*

*bound the waters in a garment? who hath established
all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what
is his son's name, if thou canst tell?"*

Listen to **Jesus** in John 3:13, in his conversation with Nicodemus, isn't **He** answering that question asked in Proverbs 30:4 ?

*"And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but
he that came down from heaven, even the Son of
man which is in heaven."*

Compare this text with Matthew 11: 27 and Luke 10 :22. **Let us read these texts now.**

Since the Son of God is the Father's **Knowledge of Himself, His Wisdom**, it is clear that **only** the Son truly knows Who the Father really is and only the Father knows Who the Son really is !! Amazing truth !

Let us read Luke 10:22 again, this time from the **NLT**:

"My Father has entrusted everything to Me, no one truly knows the Son except the Father and no one truly knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him".

Let us now read Colossians 2: 2,3:

Listen to how the *key part of the verse* is translated in the **NIV**:

.....the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in Whom are hidden all the treasures of Wisdom and Knowledge".

And the **CEV**: "*.....not only is He the key to God's mystery, but all wisdom and knowledge are hidden away in Him*"

MORE EVIDENCE THAT WISDOM IN PROVERBS 8: 22 IS THE SON OF GOD

The above scriptural evidence is satisfactory, but we want **a weight of evidence** from scripture that is incontrovertible to the rational thinker. So let us add two more passages from Jesus Himself ! By **carefully** comparing Matthew 23: 29 to 36 with Luke 11: 46 to 51 we will make the amazing discovery straight from the mouth of Jesus ! Both passages are essentially

identical. Let us focus on the two *key* verses: Matthew 23: 34 and Luke 11:49:

“Wherefore, behold, **I** send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city” Matthew 23:34

“Therefore also said the **Wisdom** of God, **I** will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they shall slay and persecute” Luke 11: 49

There you have it ! Jesus identifies the **Wisdom of God** as **Himself** !! Hence the Apostle Paul declares:

“**In Whom** (Christ) **are his all the treasures of Wisdom and Knowledge**” Col.2: 3

And since in the Divine Nature Infinite Power can and will function only through Infinite Wisdom, the Father gives / channels all of His Power to/ through Christ. Hence Paul further declares:

“But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.**” 1Cor.1: 24.

Let us now examine Proverbs 8: 22.

PROVERBS 8: 22.

“**The LORD possessed Me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old**”

The Hebrew word translated *possessed* in the **KJV** of the Bible is **qanah** (kanah). This Hebrew word has a wide semantic range in Hebrew usage. Here are some examples of how **Qanah** is translated: *to form or create* (Gen14:19,22); *to beget* (Deut.32:6); *to acquire* (Gen4:1); *to purchase* (Gen25:10); *to own* (Isaiah 1:3). The Greek translators of the Old Testament oscillated between *created* and *possessed*. The **Septuagint** translated it *created*, while **Aquila** translated it *possessed*. The **KJV** uses the **Aquila** translation, but quite a few modern translations use the **Septuagint** translation.

Arius and his followers seized upon the **Septuagint** translation “*created*” and developed the *erroneous* doctrine that the Son of God was *created* by the Father and was not really God like the Father is. This triggered serious controversy in the early centuries of Christianity. The Arian heresy is an example of poor or rather downright *bad* exegesis. If there was a time

when **Wisdom** did not exist, then there was a time when Jehovah God lacked **wisdom**. If God didn’t have **wisdom** He wouldn’t be wise enough to create **Wisdom**. Therefore a translation of *create* for **qanah** makes *no* sense at all, especially since we are clearly told that the Father*is immortal, invisible, the only wise God* 1 Tim.1: 17 !

It must be obviously clear that infinite Power, infinite Wisdom and infinite Love are *beginningless* eternal realities in the Godhead. Moreover since **Eternal Wisdom** is a Person, *it stands to reason that the other Two, eternal Power and eternal Love, must be Persons as well !*

God the Father must be the **Source** of His **Wisdom**, therefore His **Wisdom** is eternally *begotten* of Him. The word *begotten*, when used of the Son of God, is not to be understood in a human biological sense but in the Divine eternal sense. The Eternal Love which flows between the Two is the Third Person of the Godhead. The Son is eternally begotten of the Father while the Spirit eternally flows out from the Father through the Son. Note well that we should not say that the Son *was* eternally begotten but we should say He *is* eternally begotten because *eternity is beginningless and endless !*

Those who interpret **Son** in a human way make *one* of two mistakes: Arians argue that since a son must be younger than his father, the Son of God is not beginningless like the Father, while some Trinitarians argue that since the Son is beginningless He cannot really be a son He is only called so because He would have become incarnate. Both are wrong because both *understand Son in a merely human way rather than in the absolute eternal God- way.*

Since wisdom is the *right* use of knowledge for the production of *good* and *only good*, then wisdom includes righteousness. Therefore **Infinite Wisdom** includes **Infinite Righteousness**, hence in Jeremiah Christ is called **Jehovah** or **Yahweh Tsidkenu=The LORD our Righteousness.**

Proverbs 8: 22 to 31 describes the *active role* of **Eternal Wisdom, the Son of God**, in creation. In verse 30, the Hebrew root translated: “*as one brought up with Him*” is **amon**, it is a very mysterious and difficult Hebrew root over which Hebrew language scholars remain divided. One plausible translation is “*as One brought up like (a*

child) with Him”. One other plausible and perhaps better translation is “*master workman or architect*”

“I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him”
Proverbs 8:30 KJV

“I was beside Him as a Master of crafts, I was having fun, smiling before Him all the time frolicking with the inhabited earth” Prov. 8: 30 CEB

The scholarly consensus suggests the following as the best intent of the Hebrew:

I was with Him as His master Architect or Designer and there was mutual Love and ecstasy between Us as We saw the amazing excellence and perfection of the creation He wrought by Me.

No created being can have any knowledge of God the Father except through His eternal Son Who is **The Knowledge, The Wisdom, The Word of The Eternal Father.** The Son is the Express Likeness of His Father, the Only One Who can reveal His Glory, The only One by Whom The Father could have created all things and could have redeemed all things. From eternity past to eternity future He is the *monogenes* Son of God.

MONOGENES

The Greek word translated *only begotten* in St. John’s gospel is the word *monogenes*. The word literally means *one of a kind* (one gene) like when God commanded creatures in Genesis 1 to reproduce *after their kind*. A lion couldn’t bring forth a giraffe it could only beget a lion. Some translations translate John 1:18:

“No one has seen God at anytime, the only begotten God Who is in the bosom of the Father He has declared Him”

Monogenes has two primary definitions, «pertaining to being the only one of its kind within a specific relationship» and «pertaining to being the only one of its kind or class, unique in kind».[1] Thus monogenēs may be used both as an [adjective](#) monogenēs pais, meaning unique and special.[2] Its Greek meaning is often applied to mean «one of a kind, one and only». Monogenēs may be used as an [adjective](#). For example, monogenēs pais means only child, only

legitimate child or special child. Monogenēs may also be used on its own as a [noun](#). For example, o monogenēs means «the only one», or «the only legitimate child».[3] [Wikipedia Definition.](#)

When God made man in His own image as a reproductive being, mankind, at the creature level, would reflect that infinite aspect of God in reproducing after our kind. We do it as only creatures can do, with the offspring having a personal *beginning*. In God it is infinitely, beginninglessly, eternally done. That is why *only the Son of God* (and not the Father or the Holy Spirit) could be born into the human family. **He Who is *eternally* begotten *could* be the Only One to be begotten as a human *in time*. Only the eternal Son of God could become the Son of man in the Plan of Redemption. Neither the Father nor the Holy Spirit could be born into humanity, *only* the Son !**

Having given the clear proof from scripture, let us now read *Patriarchs And Prophets* page 34:

“The Sovereign of the universe was not alone in His work of beneficence. He had an associate—a co-worker who could appreciate His purposes, and could share His joy in giving happiness to created beings. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.” John 1:1, 2. Christ, the Word, the only begotten of God, was one with the eternal Father—one in nature, in character, in purpose—the only being that could enter into all the counsels and purposes of God. “His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6. His “goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.” Micah 5:2. And the Son of God declares concerning Himself: “The Lord possessed Me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old. I was set up from everlasting.... When He appointed the foundations of the earth: then I was by Him, as brought up with Him: and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him.” Proverbs 8:22-30. PP34.2

The Father wrought by His Son in the creation of all heavenly beings. “By Him

were all things created, ...whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him." Colossians 1:16. Angels are God's ministers, radiant with the light ever flowing from His presence and speeding on rapid wing to execute His will. But the Son, the anointed of God, the "express image of His person," "the brightness of His glory," "upholding all things by the word of His power," holds supremacy over them all. Hebrews 1:3. "A glorious high throne from the beginning," was the place of His sanctuary (Jeremiah 17:12); "a scepter of righteousness," the scepter of His kingdom. Hebrews 1:8. "Honor and majesty are before Him: strength and beauty are in His sanctuary." Psalm 96:6. Mercy and truth go before His face. Psalm 89:14. PP 34.2

This is more than enough for one study. We will have to continue next time, but we should be beginning to appreciate that when the Father gave His only begotten Son, (His Wisdom, His Knowledge of *Himself*) He gave His *All* .

If our doctrine of the Godhead is simply a doctrine of three Persons without understanding the eternal Father- Son relationship and unity in their Spirit of Eternal Love, then not only will our appreciation of the atonement be limited but neither will we be able to convince Arians that we don't have three Gods. Nor will we be able to explain *why only the Son can reveal the Father's glory* ! And remember what Jesus said to the Samaritan woman and always ask ourselves: *do we know what we worship?* John 4 :21 to 24

This question is important because one of the main issues at stake in Earth's final crisis will be the *issue of worship ; and while Babylon will not know what she worships, God's true remnant church must and will know what she worships*. So while other churches are busy with their vision of only *increasing numbers*, God must have a remnant whose vision it is to establish and concretize the *truth as it is in Jesus,(Who is the Living Eternal Truth)*, and be ripened for the final crisis to give the final warning under latter- rain Holy Spirit Power *because that is the only way God's work in the earth will finish* ! Those churches which reject the advancing *light* of the Third Angel while devising

strategies and visions for expansion and finishing the work, according to their ideas, will at best be a holding station for some of God's people until those same people are called out by the **loud cry into God's final truth, and perfection of character to be fitted for translation** ! So we must understand our calling and be fortifying our minds with the light God has been sending and allowing that light to perfect our characters *in Christ* for the final crisis. That is to be our vision and it calls for *individual* commitment to Christ and His truth and progressive victory over our defects and weaknesses as we grow spiritually to the *ear* and the full *corn in the ear* ! And as we grow in love for Jesus we will witness to others ! But our calling is to *ripen for the harvest*. Are we individually committed to that vision ?? May God's *Love* motivate and energize and lift us out of lukewarmness into *true hot* Christianity so God can finish the work and cut it short in righteousness !!

CLOSING GEM

The Teacher from heaven, no less a personage than the Son of God, came to earth to reveal the character of the Father to men, that they might worship him in spirit and in truth. Christ revealed to men the fact that the strictest adherence to ceremony and form would not save them; for the kingdom of God was spiritual in its nature. Christ came to the world to sow it with truth. He held the keys to all the treasures of wisdom, and was able to open doors to science, and to reveal undiscovered stores of knowledge, were it essential to salvation. He presented to men that which was exactly contrary to the representations of the enemy in regard to the character of God, and sought to impress upon men the **paternal love** of the Father, who "so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." [John 3:16.] **Christian Education Chapter 8, page 73 ,74**

AMEN !